

HOME OF THE FEARLESS TERRIERS

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What's Up With the ASB?

By KaSandra Madrigal

Daniel Laurion (aka Dan-O) is the President of Associated Student Body (ASB). Olivia Mackey is the Vice President, Kayla Ward is the Secretary, and finally, Shaylee Fogelberg is the Treasurer. The ASB discussed with class representatives about 3 issues: cell phone privileges, setting up a snack bar, and the Halloween Party.

Cell Phones



Everybody already knows that students are not allowed to use the cell phones during the school hours; however, the ASB suggested that High School students should be allowed to use cell phones during lunch time because it is on a break time and it's not under an educational time. The ASB feels that it is reasonable for WSD to allow the High School students to use the cell phones during lunch time. The ASB hopes that Bill Newell, our school principal, would approve the ASB's proposal for the students to have the privilege of using their cell phones during the lunch time.

Divine Snack Bar

Each class in High School discussed about what kind of snacks that the Divine Snack Bar should have on Fridays and the ASB still is discussing about that.

Halloween Party

The ASB already approved seniors and juniors to set up the Halloween Party on October 29th with our school's approval. It was a successful party!

If you have ideas or concerns that you want to share with the ASB, please write down the proposal and give it to your class representative.



Douglas Tilden

Written by Ashleigh Rice

Designed by Maria Suarez

Douglas Tilden is the world's most famous sculptor. He had a lot of imagination in his mind that he could see the real shapes of a human body while he was doing his work. He seems to have enjoyed the feeling of the clay. He was hard of hearing. He was a very intelligent man. When Douglas Tilden saw a model named Bessie, he asked her to marry him. They got married and had two daughters, Gladys and Lee. Douglas Tilden built the Bear Hunt. It was made by his own hands and tools. It was a lot of work to build the sculpture that was built in 1892. Then, in 1993, the Bear Hunt was set up at the California School for the Deaf, Fremont (CSDF). The people from there really were grateful for Douglas Tilden's gift to them. He really loved to make lots of sculptures and travelled the whole world. He taught the literature, architecture, painting, sculpture, philosophy, and math at a university. Douglas Tilden said that the art can be a meaningful education for everyone.



Reference: Douglas Tilden, the Man and His Legacy by Mildred Albronda

Matt Hamill: The Hammer Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC)



Matt Hammill is deaf and has never allowed that to hinder him in his wrestling and is now jumping into the MMA game with the same attitude. Matt Hamill was born in Cincinnati and attended Loveland High School. Matt joined Ultimate Fighter Season 3 with a massive wrestling background advantage. Before Ultimate Fighter Season 3 he was training with Rich Franklin the UFC Middleweight Champion and coach of Season 2 of the Ultimate Fighter.

In 2004 he was inducted into the Division III Wrestling Hall of Fame for his extraordinary abilities as a wrestler. Matt Hamill is the first US wrestler to ever accomplish winning gold medals in both freestyle and Greco Roman wrestling in the "1997 World Games for the Deaf".

www.ultimate-fighter.ca/

Born: Loveland, Ohio, USA
Fighting out of Utica, New York
Age: 32
Height: 6' 1" (185 cm)
Weight: 205 lbs. (93 kg)
Overall MMA Record (W-L-D): 6-1-0
Strengths: Boxing and wrestling

When and why did you start training for fighting?

I started training in MMA six months before the UFC reality show.

What ranks and titles have you held?

I'm a three time NCAA national wrestling champion and two time world champion for freestyle wrestling

Do you have any heroes?

My grandfather

What is your favorite technique?

Cobra choke

What does it mean for you to fight in the UFC?

It's a dream come true

Did you go to college and if so what degree did you earn?

I went to RIT in Rochester NY, and obtained an Associate's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

What was your job before you started fighting?

Bouncer and Electrician

www.ufc.com/index.cfm?fa=tuf.home



James Davido, Edward Pietsch, Matt Hamill, Deba Pietsch and Tyler Keeth
at Deaf Nation Expo on Oct. 18th in Seattle, WA.

Why Don't Students want to go back home on the weekends?

By Ashleigh Rice

I interviewed with a junior, WSD female student about her experiences at home. I asked her a question, "Which do you think it is a best way for you to have a good communication during the weekdays or during the weekends?" The student made a face and rolled her eyes. "Oh, well. I have to admit that I don't like the weekends because that is when my parents ignore me all the time!" She groaned. What is she supposed to mean by that? I wondered. "Why is that so?" I asked her. "Because my parents tend to ignore me when I try to talk about something and my parents seem to have no interest in me. They tend to chat with the hearing family members, but not me maybe because I am deaf. It was not fair!" I felt so bad for her, and then I had been curious of why the hearing parents only tend chat with their hearing children, not their deaf children. I asked her another question whether she was comfortable with her own parents without communication. She said no. She said that she prefers to be in school because there is a lot of communication among the students and the staff and they can joke with each other. It almost is like a family, but when she goes back to home on the weekends, she was always staying in her room and feeling lonely because no one wanted to talk with her. It made me feel bad. The student's eyes looked sad and her face looked dull. "That is all I can say." She smiled as her attitude stayed positive. I thanked her for sharing the story. The student got up and acted positively. What a spirit she was!



I was just wondering about which weekdays or weekends that students prefer to communicate. Most voted on weekdays because of WSD, a deaf-friendly and family-like environment unlike on the weekends, most of the students felt lonely and left out.

HIV/AIDS

By Jasmine Burnham

HIV stands for **H**uman **I**mmunodeficiency **V**irus and **AIDS** stands for **A**cquired **I**mmunodeficiency **S**yndrome. You would understand AIDS better if you knew what HIV really is. HIV is a serious virus that may lead to become full-blown AIDS. HIV is a sexual transmitted disease (STD).

For people who have HIV, about the half of them will get AIDS within ten years or so and the rest can live longer if they eat and exercise properly and take medicine. HIV is one of the smallest "germs" that can cause disease. AIDS is a life-threatening illness meaning the body's immune system would break down. Normally, the immune system fights off the infection and other diseases, but the HIV weakens the immune system.

To get HIV/AIDS is transmitted by having unprotected oral or intercourse sex with a person who already has HIV/AIDS or by having a HIV person's blood contacting another "clean" person such as sharing the same needles for tattoos or drugs. A pregnant woman who has HIV/AIDS could cause the baby to born with the disease but at a few times; the babies still could get it from breastfeeding. You do not get infected by a mosquito bite, sitting on a toilet seat, holding hands, peck-kissing, hugging, sharing foods, coughing, sneezing, and etc.

People with HIV/AIDS, you would not be able to tell if a person is infected with HIV/AIDS. You could be infected with HIV and have no symptoms at all. Since 1985, there were blood donations but the doctors carefully screened the blood before the donations because it was a highest risk of HIV infection. If you want to know if you have HIV/AIDS, only a blood test can tell you whether you have HIV or not and only a doctor can diagnose that you have HIV/AIDS.



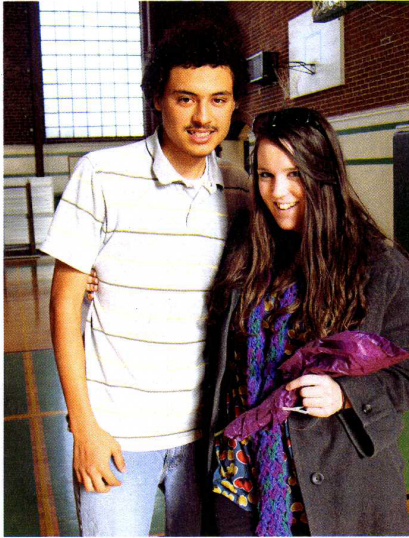
Homecoming 2008

*By Jasmine Burnham
Designed by Ryan Corona*



Greetings Terriers!! What's up for Homecoming? Let me tell you about WSD High School Homecoming (HC). Our dance was on October 23rd and the football HC game was on the 24th! It is a tradition for most of schools to celebrate Homecoming. We usually have various ideas to show our pride for our school on each day before the Homecoming Day. The spirit week was October 20th – October 24th: Monday – Hats Day, Tuesday – Ugly shirts and Tie Day, Wednesday – Hillbilly Day, Thursday – Favorite college or sports team shirts Day, and Friday – School Spirit Day (BLACK, WHITE, and GREEN... our school's colors!).

For the homecoming dance and game, we also selected a Homecoming Queen. The way we pick a Queen was by picking one princess out of four princesses (one girl from each class: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior) a week before the Homecoming dance. The freshman princess was Hattie Reich and her escort, Keysi Severino. The sophomore princess was Olivia Mackey and her escort, Justin Larson. The junior princess was Maria Suarez and her escort, Cody Hemmingson. The senior princess was Ashleigh Rice and her escort, Mizael Zamora.



The seniors Mizael and Ashleigh won Homecoming King and Queen.

As for the daily spirit days, there was also a contest for the most spirited dress-up. Ashleigh Cook and Joseph Valdez won the best-designed homemade hats because they made their hats creative green and that represents WSD.

Shaylee Fogelberg and Mizael Zamora won the ugliest shirts with ties because they both dressed themselves from head-to-toe; they wore more than just one ugliest shirt which was not required for that spirit day. It was very difficult deciding to pick the winners, but they deserved the award because they dressed very creatively.

Olivia Mackey and Nicholas Schindler won the best dressed on the Hillbilly Day. Olivia put something black on her upper teeth and it looked like she had no teeth; she fixed up her hair to be messy; and she stuffed something cushy in her farm clothes to look like she is fat. Nicholas had fake ugly teeth on and wore the farm clothes with a hat and he looked like a real Hillbilly. Stay ugly and you still will shine!

Kayla Ward and Justin Larson won the best dressed on School Spirit Day; Kayla had sweatpants that said "Terriers" on the legs, a hat that said "WSD," and a shirt that said "Lady Terriers Volleyball," with her black/white chex slip-on vans shoes. She also wrote "WSD" on her face. Justin paint-sprayed his hand black and another hand white, his hair both black and white, wore his green football uniform, and wrote "WSD" on his cheek.

There was a surprise announcement after the announcement of the best School Spirit Day winners; the most spirited persons for the week were Olivia and Mizael.

We had a homecoming volleyball game on Thursday right before the dance. We played against the Oakville High School and we won. The dance was set in Northrop Gym (an elementary school gym) and it was mostly decorated wonderfully by Sharon Caton and Toni Stromberg. They put up the lights and many decorations, Sharon was the one who made the three big masks to hang for the dance. Our theme was "Midnight Masquade". The Homecoming Queen was Ashleigh Rice and the Homecoming King was Mizael Zamora!! Congratulations!

Long live the Queen and the King!

The Homecoming game on Friday was full of thrills!! Bummer, I know that our football team lost to another team but hey, we are the Terriers and I'm sure that the football players worked very hard and it was great to see that they never gave up. The best part was during the half time! The sophomores were fundraising for their class and it was called "Human Wash". People donated money in two jars; one jar was for Ron Spratlen, our athletic director and another was for Bill Newell, our school principal. As much as the money are in each jar would be as much as the water we would pour on both of them in front of the audience during the Homecoming half time. Mr. Spratlen had the most water poured on him and in between of the moment, he stepped out of his chair and then Mr. Newell was willing to get more water on him however, Mr. Spratlen knew he must return to his chair and finished off the remaining cold water! Thank you, Ron and Bill, for being so bravely positive and supporting our fundraiser.



WSD Sports Academic Probation (AP) Policy

*By Olivia Mackey
Designed by Ryan Corona*

How do you think that the AP Policy has strong impact on WSD sports players?

KaSandra said, "It is will cause them to panic about their grades and worry too much if they will get kick out of the team because of the AP policy."

Jessica said, "Well, I never experience it before, but I have seen other gone through a lot. For example, one girl who got the AP, she almost gave up on the team because of the AP Policy stress cause her feeling out over her homework and grades."

Do you support? Why or why not?

KaSandra say, "I support some of AP Policy at least 2.0 GPA we can play, I would but I dislike one thing about it; if I got low than 2.0 GPA, that mean I can't play for two weeks until I pull my grade up. Plus if I got AP for second time, I have only one week to pull it up and can't play for game. Then, if I got other AP for third time then I will be kicked out of the team. I felt that there is not enough time for me to pull up my grade for my second AP."

Jessica say, "Well, I never have been on AP during I play sports, but it does not bother me because I never was on it. So, if I were on the AP, then I will pull it up."

What would you like to change it?

KaSandra say, "I would say that I prefer on the first AP, we have two weeks to pull it up and can't play. Then if we get second AP then we should have another two weeks instead one week to pull it up because that way we will have more time to focus on catching up the homework. We still can't play for games, but I prefer to have more time like two extra weeks for final warning before getting kicked out of the team."

WSD Museum

*By Alicia Sanders
Designed by Ryan Corona*

I interviewed Linda Cole, a SLC at Watson West about WSD Museum. I sat on the green couch at the middle of the foyer room and in the front of television. Linda was sitting across from me on another green couch on the right.

AS: How often do you go to WSD Museum?

LC: Mostly on Friday and sometimes during the week before I go to work

AS: How was WSD Museum founded?

LC: I used to collect lots of old-fashioned things from the old Deer Hall which was a storage. Also I sorted old-fashioned pictures from WSD and Pam Randoll copied pictures. Margie Stickel, Nancy Sinkovich's mother, labeled the names and dates on the pictures. Nikki Ekle and Terry Sasser collected old-fashioned things that belonged to WSD from many years ago. Carey Price, a Vice-President of Washington School for the Deaf Alumni Association (WSDAA), was the one who started the museum, but she couldn't do everything at the same time. She delegated the museum job to me. The WSD Museum is at Epperson Building, Room 202 & 213. Come and visit the museum.

Cochlear Implant

*By Ashleigh Rice
Designed by Ryan Corona*

Sun rose up in an
early frigid morning,
The unsightly tree stood there,
Always waiting long time,
A special new child came
into the new world,
Two ropes knotted
through child's soul,
Who would seek her
two different sides?

The other side wanted her
to become hearing,
bared through it so painfully,
blood running out both ears,
they laughed loud around her and
crushed her so hard.

Jerked off the evil machine from
her ears,
she ran, ran, and ran away,
not caring who she was,
escaped from the evil robot that
controlled her ears.

So awful the tests, nasty tests,
was far away from
the freedom world,
now no one can force her,
she is free.

Messy blood all over her,
the world healed with her,
she is changed.

Her ears cannot make a sound,
like an empty bell.

She is deaf,
Just proud to be herself,
being deaf.



Congressman Brian Baird Interview

By Olivia Mackey

Congressman Brian Baird visited Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) on October 13th, 2008. He met with middle school and High School students in the Lloyd auditorium.

Student #1: "Which issue do you focus on the most?"

Mr. Baird: "The issues that we focus on the most are economy, health, and education."

Student #2: "We focus on the economic issues today as it's very bad. We are curious about how economy would impact on the younger generation."

Mr. Baird: "The younger generation would need to have personal responsibilities and focus on how much they use their credit cards and control their budgets."

Student #3: "We used to go to Western School Basketball Classics (WSBC) and Deaf Academic Bowl (DAB), but now, we are not allowed to go because of the bad economy, so what should we do to convince the governor that it is important for us to go?"

Mr. Baird: "What you should do is to pick a legislator and send an email or a letter about this objection and that it is the breaking Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) tradition to cancel WSBC and DAB field trips. Well, right now, no one could travel out of the state because of the economy going down. Also, you can contact your Representatives to get a permission to leave the state. I am sure they would consider the possibility for your school to be allowed to go out of the state as long as you have enough money for the trips."

Student #4: "What do you think of the current global warming?"

Mr. Baird: "Global warming is horrible because the temperature is going higher. If the warm temperature gets worse, the ocean would get warmer. The marine mammals would be gone because of the warm water. We also need healthy trees for more oxygen to breathe. We try to balance global warming and health concerns."

Student #5: "Can you share with us about your perspective of the deaf education? The reason I asked this question is because our deaf education around this country is very weak that we need a better curriculum."

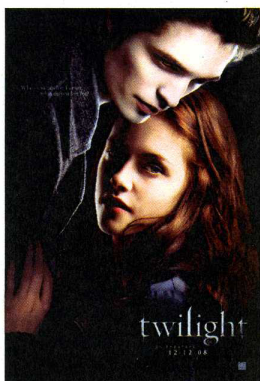
Mr. Baird: "I suggest you to visit your legislator and explain your concerns about the deaf education, but you can also study harder. It's the same thing when I said 'We the people' This means you have rights to defend your education."

Student #6: "Do you think we will face the Great Depression again?"

Mr. Baird: "I don't think it would happen because when we had the Great Depression, the Federal government did nothing about it, but for today, we would work against another Great Depression if it ever happened again. I'm not going to lie about it; we are still working on the homeless people. We still hope there would not be another Great Depression."

Students were enthusiastic about Congressman Baird's visit. We ran out of time because he had to leave but there were many more students who wanted to ask questions. This was a great event for our school!





Book Review: Twilight

By Darshell Domme

Do you find yourself desire for that sweet taste of bright red blood?

Do you find yourself desire for the beauty, speed, danger, or the insane?

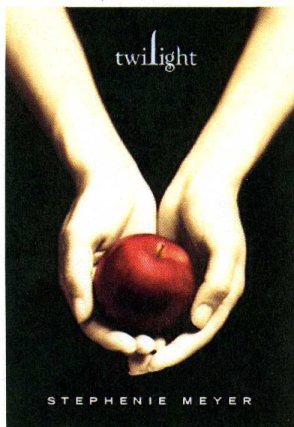
If so, then you should read this book: Twilight by Stephenie Meyer.

It is all about vampires, werewolves, humans, and dangers all mixed in one.

Isabella (Bella) Swan; a sunny girl from Phoenix, Arizona, found herself stuck in rainy area of Folks, Washington. She thought that nothing could get any better, until she noticed a pale skinned, gorgeous male with bronze colored hair, Edward Cullen.

As you keep reading into the story, you will get the sense of a thrill racing through your veins as the book leads you into high chase of vampires. Humans keep escaping from the unaware dangers of those vampires being revolved around them.

Another reason why you should read this book is because the book will play alive in the movie theaters on the 21st of November!



Ghostly Facts

By: Alicia P. Sanders

Why do we have ghosts?

TOP 15 REASONS!!!

Do you believe in ghosts?

1. Ghosts want to be noticed.
2. Ghosts have no sense of passing time.
3. Ghosts have a sense of humor and love to hear people laugh.
4. They are pranksters.
5. A hooded black smoky figure is a dark entity and you should be careful around them. They usually appear at the foot of beds.
6. Ghosts can read your thoughts.
7. Ghosts do not sleep.
8. Ghosts hang out in cliques with other ghosts.
9. If you hear a strange whisper in your sleep when sleeping. It is probably a ghost.
10. Most ghosts can't or won't hurt you.
11. Animals can see or sense spirits. That's why you often see them just staring intensely at what appears to be nothing.
12. If you are being haunted. If you simply ask them to leave, they will. Say something like "I know you are here, but you are scaring me, please leave."
13. When a ghost enter a room, the room usually gets cold.
14. Animal ghosts exist and have been sighted.
15. Children perceive ghosts as imaginary friends.

For more ghostly reasons, check out:
www.legendsofamerica.com/LA-GhostlyLegends5.html



Do You Know When Halloween Started?

By: Olivia Mackey

It started in Europe (Northern France, the United Kingdom and British Isles) by the Celtic people a long time ago. The Celtic people lived around the countries and grew their food. When it is the time to harvest at the end of the year, they usually are feared every night of 31st of October. It was the night of their festival, Samhain, the Lord of the Dead. The Druids (Celtic priests) made huge bonfires every year on the night of October 31st.

I wondered why they were scared of Samhain, the Lord of the Dead.

The Druids believed that the spirits were allowed to be free on October 31st every year. The Druids also believed the spirits were powerful and wild on that night. If they were treated right, they would be nice, however if the spirits were ignored, they would punish the Celtic community. So, they had the festivals on October 31st and made sacrifices to the gods. The Celtic people and Druids burnt criminals, prisoners, and animals alive because when they burnt them, they would get to the omens of the future, both good and bad. The powers of making predictions of the future were thought to be strongest on the night of October 31st. Also, the Druids believed that some spirits were evil. The Celtic people wore the costumes during the festival so, that way, the spirits wouldn't recognize them. That's why we wear the Halloween costumes on October 31st.

I wondered why we have 'trick or treating'.

The Celtic people left the food by the door outside of their houses on the night of October 31st to please the spirits that they hoped that the spirits would leave them in peace because the spirits should be pleased by the Celtic people.

Now, you know how the Halloween started. You can tell more about the Halloween to your friends and family.

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Halloween Party

By Jasmine Burnham

Designed by Maria Suarez

Did you know that WSD residential students cannot get off the campus for trick or treating if Halloween was on the school week, right? Well, we had a Halloween party instead!! Everyone seems like they enjoyed the party and I'll tell you why. The seniors hosted the party and the juniors helped. All of them worked on the great and scary decorations in the Clarke Hall basement. They also set up a game that was almost like the game in a movie called "Saw".

The game started with splitting up the crowd into a few groups and then, they had to find a clue and continue to find next clue to get out of the game. Each clue is hidden by each character such as Chucky the Doll, the Vampire, the Black Christmas Doll, the Werewolf, the Dead Bride, the Grudge, and more. This game included those who lost in the between the game. Players lost when they didn't follow the directions from the clues. For an example, if you saw the Grudge and you must not scream, but if you did, you would be "dead" which means you are out of the game just like in the Saw



Bruce Catron

movie. Winning this game was to survive through all of the clues and to make it to the end of the journey. These characters scared a lot of people and it was hilarious, especially for some of the elementary school kids.

Not a lot of us danced that night, though, but we still had fun. There also were some pictures taken and snacks were provided. There was a costume contest, too!! Mrs. Teresa Stotler-Martin's daughter, *Haley* won the most original costume. *Tyler Keeth* won the scariest costume; he had a welding mask and dressed up like a serial killer. *Shaylee Fogelberg* won the sexiest costume; she was scary, but a pretty widow. *Nicholas Schindler* won the coolest costume. *Vanessa Flores* won the funniest costume; she had her hair in funky Mohawk style and wore like a real punk.

The next exciting thing is... THANKSGIVING!! Seniors and Juniors, thank you for this creepy fun you've set up for us! We won't forget the Halloween Party.



Ashley and Haley